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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)**

1. DD/P is assigned primary action responsibility for the attached memorandum. DD/I is charged with ensuring that full and complete information is provided DD/P in those areas indicated in the attachment.

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**Deputy Director**

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## MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CARTER

General Carroll has approved our request that Mr. Karamessines accompany him on his trip to the Far East. It is my understanding that General Carroll and party, which will include Mr. Gordon Gray and Mr. Coyne, will leave on Saturday, July 28, by Military Aircraft and will be gone for at least two weeks.

General Carroll has requested a meeting with Messrs. Helms, and Sheldon for the purpose of reviewing their experiences on our recent trip to the Far East and developing with them ideas as to how General Carroll and his party can most constructively use their time.

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Mr. Karamessines should be thoroughly familiar with the recent report on the intelligence activities in South Vietnam as recently submitted to the Special Group, and while in Saigon should seek to verify or amend this report. It is to be noted that both Secretary McNamara and General Lemnitzer have several times commented on a lack of intelligence on conditions in South Vietnam and I believe it will be incumbent on us to take any reasonable steps to improve the gathering and dissemination of intelligence in that area.

*John A. McCone*  
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Director

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